

MEMORANDUM

SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

FROM: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent

DATE: April 01, 2021

RE: Sole Source Declaration CML/MCS

The CML/MCS security control panel not only serves as a deterrent to prevent the unwanted egress of the juvenile offenders back into our community, but also identify unwanted threats to the facility personnel and cadets with the electronic controlled doors, gates, and facility surveillance system. Furthermore, the CML/MCS security control panel aids in the quick response from the facility in allowing the gates and facility doors to be opened in a timely manner for the City of Weslaco emergency vehicles responding to crisis situations such as fire, medical, or riots/disturbances.

The video surveillance system is an essential and critical component of operations for meeting the suitability confinement of juvenile offenders mandated by and state standards. The detention facility is currently struggling with the system in use with poor image quality and monitors, i.e., snowy images, dark horizontal lines flashing across the monitors [and going off and on]. Recording for safety and archival purposes throughout the facility is at risk and failing.

The care, custody, and control of juvenile offenders is pursuant to the Texas Family Code Chapter 51.12/.125 & .126. Furthermore, the safe and suitable confinement of juvenile offenders is promulgated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department Standards contained in Title 37, Texas Administrative Code Chapter 343. The Mario Ramirez, Jr. Juvenile Detention Facility is subject to state inspections and must be able to comply with all security requirements.

Since 2012 Hidalgo County Juvenile Justice Center Boot Camp Surveillance System has been in place with the provider “Argyle” (aka/ ICI*MCS)

On or about 2018 the provider “Argyle Security Group” had all assets acquired by CML/MCS Security, LLC, including the “proprietary intellectual property” and has been providing services to date.

Thus the sole provider of replacing and improving the current system based on the original core installation is CML/MCS Security, LLC.

For the all the reasons herein, it has become necessary to upgrade current “Video/Security Surveillance System” due to current “inadequate/failing system”